

Biography



WILLIAM J. BOARMAN Public Printer Of The United States

William J. "Bill" Boarman serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO). The agency provides expert printing, publishing, and digital media services to all three branches of the Federal Government. GPO is a nearly billion dollar government agency of 2,300 employees which operates like a business. While a portion of its funding comes from direct congressional appropriation, GPO produces significant revenue by providing products and services to other Federal agencies and the American public. The agency produces the U.S. passport, the Congressional Record, the Federal Register, and other Federal Government documents.

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For four decades, Bill Boarman has been an essential part of the fabric of the American labor movement and the printing and publishing industry. He started his career at GPO in 1974 as a journeyman printer, leaving the agency in 1977 after being elected a full time union official. Bill has been a trusted advisor to several Public Printers and has testified on GPO before Congress numerous times over the past 30 years. He returned to GPO on January 3, 2011, as the 26th Public Printer of the United States after being appointed to the position by President Barack Obama.

Prior to returning to GPO, Bill served as the President of Printing, Publishing and Media Workers Sector of Communications Workers of America (CWA) since 1989. He also was the Senior Vice President of the CWA. Bill served as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the CWA/ITU Negotiated Pension Plan and the CWA Pension Plan Canada. He was one of the leaders responsible for shaping the AFL-CIO Capital Steward Program in connection with the creation of the Center for Working Capital. Bill was a member of the Executive Board of the Council of Institutional Investors and served three terms as Council Co-Chair. He was also the President of the International Allied Printing Trades Association and the President of the Union Printers Home Corporation, a retirement community in Colorado Springs, CO. In 1998, the Governor of Maryland appointed Bill the first-ever public member of the state's Commission on Judicial Disabilities.

Bill is and has been a member of numerous other boards and associations, including the CWA Executive Board, the International Labor Press Association, the International Foundation of Employee Benefits Plans, the Council of Institutional Investors, the National Historic Trust, AARP, and Chesapeake Bay Foundation.



William J. Boarman, Public Printer, continued

Bill began his printing career after completing a four-year apprenticeship at McArdle Printing in Washington, DC in 1971. Prior to his apprenticeship, he took courses at the University of Maryland, American University and the National Labor College in Silver Spring, MD. Bill is a 1964 graduate of Northwestern High School in College Park, MD. He is a lifelong resident of Maryland and resides in Severna Park. Bill was married for 31 years to the late Mary F. Boarman. They have two children, Lauren and Christopher.

Link here to Bill's prepared statement before the Senate Rules and Administration Committee and responses to questions for the record.